

Huron-Manistee National Forests  
Mio Ranger District Special Uses Projects  
Rockwell Forest Service Private Road Authorization

The Huron-Manistee National Forests, received an application from Paul Rockwell, for legal year-round use and maintenance of an existing Forest Service unclassified and closed two-track road to access private property on the Mio Ranger District. Mr. Rockwell is acting as personal representative for the Estate of Donald K. Rockwell. Mr. Rockwell and his family used the road to access the property until it was closed in the 1980's in association with a timber sale and located within a semi-primitive non-motorized management area. He is requesting legal access across National Forest System lands. Access from adjacent private landowners on the south side and the west side has been denied in part because of the wetlands surrounding the Rockwell property. The project area was burned over in the Meridian Fire, May, 2010.

The two-track is located off of Hickey Creek Road, a year-round, county maintained road, in a portion of W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, section 19, T26N, R1W, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan. The road is approximately 4,434 feet x 10 feet wide or 1.02 acres.

The two-track would be maintained at a level that encourages high clearance to passenger vehicles. Maintenance could include grading, spot graveling, brushing vegetation, removing hazardous trees and snowplowing as needed. If allowed, an authorization would be issued for legal access to the private parcel. A special-use fee would be charged for this authorization because the applicant does not qualify for a fee waiver in accordance with Code of Federal Regulations Title 36 part 251, section 57.

If you have any comments or additional information regarding this road please contact Pat Thompson, at the Mio Ranger District, 107 McKinley Road, Mio, Michigan 48647, (989) 826-3252, TTY - (989) 826-3592.